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REMARKSI. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2007, claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 11 and 15 have been amended. Claims 1-15 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Specification Objections

In paragraph (4) of the Office Action, the specification was objected to because of certain informalities.

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the specification as indicated above to overcome these objections.

III. Statutory Subject Matter Rejection

In paragraphs (5)-(6) of the Office Action, claims 11-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants' attorney has amended the claims as indicated above to overcome these rejections.

However, should issues still remain in this regard, Applicants' attorney requests that the Examiner indicate how the rejection can be overcome, in accordance with the directives of the Interim Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications for Patent Subject Matter Eligibility (Interim Guidelines) II. Specifically, should it be necessary, the Applicants' attorney requests that the Examiner identify features of the invention that would render the claimed subject matter statutory if recited in the claim. See Interim Guidelines IV.B.

IV. Non-Art Rejections

In paragraphs (7)-(8) of the Office Action, claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants' attorney has canceled and amended claims as indicated above to overcome these rejections.

V. Double Patenting Rejection

In paragraphs (9)-(10) of the Office Action, claims 1-15 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-33 of copending Application Serial No. 10/800,585. In paragraph (11) of the Office Action, claims 1-15 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of copending Application Serial No. 10/800,877.

Applicants' attorney submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome these rejections.

VI. Prior Art Rejections

In paragraphs (12)-(13) of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10-12, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonney et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,466,953 (Bonney) in view of Takahashi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,339,439 (Takahashi) and in further view of Mathews et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,047,180 (Mathews). In paragraphs (14) of the Office Action, claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 13, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonney, in view of Takahashi, in further view of Mathews as cited and applied to claim 1, and in further view of Haddad, U.S. Publication No. 2002/0111928 (Haddad).

Applicants' attorney invokes 35 U.S.C. §103(c) to eliminate U.S. Patent No. 7,047,180 (Mathews) as a reference. In this regard, Applicants' attorney submits herewith a Statement of Common Ownership executed by Richard M. Foehr, attorney for Autodesk, Inc., the assignee of the present invention. Applicants' attorney asserts that this Statement is sufficient to render claims 1-15 allowable.

VII. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

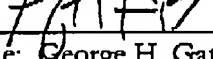
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